

Sex Offender Classification Board Meeting

Minutes

March 25, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Thomas Hearn, chair, Gary Horton, and Pamela Huntsman, Moscelene Sunderland members; Kathy Baird, assistant.

Minutes Approval

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed:

- January 21, 2005 regular meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAMELA HUNTSMAN TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 21ST MINUTES AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MOSCELENE SUNDERLAND AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Budget Update – Kathy Baird, SOCB Assistant

Approximately 44% of the board's operating funds are available, with 3 months remaining in the fiscal year.

- Copies of the newly revised ATSA practice standards and guidelines will be purchased for IDOC probation/parole district offices.
- Additional anticipated expenditures were discussed.

Lifetime Parole

IDOC Director Beauclair requested comments from the board regarding lifetime supervision for certain sex offenders.

- The board is in favor of lifetime supervision for VSP's and other high-risk sex offenders.
- Excluding VSP's, there should be a provision for possible supervision discharge review after a period of time.
- The board wishes to assist the IDOC in the process. They also wish to review the final language draft before making a decision on endorsement of the measure.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAMELA HUNTSMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MOSCELENE SUNDERLAND, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Juvenile Sex Offender Procedures

Dr. Horton expressed concerns over juvenile sex offense adjudications and evaluations conducted prior to a finding of guilt. He met with a small group of juvenile and legal representatives, who showed some interest in reviewing these issues further.

- The board is willing to assist and support the juvenile system if requested.
- Additional staff and funding will be necessary if the board is asked to include juvenile evaluators in the certified psychosexual evaluator program.

Executive Session

- Legal review, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1)(f).

The meeting returned to regular session.

Administrative Rules

The board discussed adjusting some Administrative Rule language:

- Update ATSA document reference;
- The initial evaluator qualification training requirement will be raised from 40 hours in the preceding 2 years, to 200 hours (timeframe is eliminated). 100 of these hours must be in:
 - Assessment and diagnosis of sexual offenders;
 - Psychometric and psychophysiological testing;
 - Psychopathology; and
 - Sexual offender risk assessment.
- Refusal to participate in a polygraph that is conducted for violent sexual predator review will not be considered as failure to cooperate.

Miscellaneous Business

- The next SOCB meeting is scheduled for Friday, 6/10/05.

The meeting was concluded at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by:
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